## Sculptor

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## My hands are stained with blood of my imagination

The sound of ticking the clock mixed with the heavy atmosphere in the room, and the dept of the shrink's look in her eyes start getting on my nerves.

Couple of white strings hair among her raven hair. the dimples under her relatively wrinkle eyes, and the charm in her cyan eyes under the rectangular glass without frame make me want to talk.

The black formal shirt with two unite button above, under her gray suit perfectly match with her black heels. She had no ring on her finger, and the unsatisfying smile on her lips, indicative the lack of her sexual craving. she's probably divorce or still single, and possibly menopause.

I'm guessing, forty-five minimum, forty-eight maximum. But I have to say she's hot piece of ass in this age. I don't mind to fuck her, who I'm kidding I definitely fuck her, no doubt. A cougar like her with those sharp nails. Damn, I bet she's one of the wild one that make you...

The woman in room looked at the man in front of her, [ a Caucasian man with black hair, wide shoulder, and thin body], and said: M.s Wilson would you like to say a word?

man: not really but I guess I don't have a much choice

The Woman snigger sarcastically, and said: I'm not sure you know how the procedure work?

The man waves a head, and said: oh, I do... woman: than you know I can't help you if you don't talk.

The Man said with numb tone: I don't need help

Woman: I bag to different [pause] according to the court you are obligate to attend in all of the section becu...

The man cut the woman's word, and said: because I hit sixteen years old kid, [folded his hand] yeh, I know...

The woman smiled at the man, and said: good, let's start with that [pause] could you please say why you hit a sixteen years old kid?

The Man rolled an eye, sigh, and said: because I lost my control for a second [ put his head down]

Woman: do you often lose control?

The man glance at the woman, and said: no

Woman: do you get angry a lot?

The man looked at the woman, and said: yes, but I control it

Woman: how?

Man: mostly with exercise, gym, sometimes

running, and occasionally smoking

Woman: is it helpful?

The man waved a head with hesitated, and

said: yes

Woman: than how did you end up here?

The man unfolded his hand, look at the shrink's eyes for a second, and said: I made a mistake

Woman: than you agree the action you did was wrong?

The man put his leg on the other leg, gaze at woman eyes with numb face, and said with persuasive tone: absolutely

The woman tapped the tip of her pen on the notebook in her hand, and said: it's grate than you accept your mistake, but you don't seem to be sorry about this matter?

The man responds with numb tone, and a fade smile on his lips, and equivocal tone: oh, believe me I am...

The woman smiled at him, and write something in her notebook. she looked at the man, and said: what cause to losing your control in that moment [pause] it's because of the thing that he did or said?

The man scratched his unshaven beard, and said: to be honest I can remember correctly, but he was rude, and I warn him...

Woman: what do you mean?

Man: about what?

Woman: when you say warn him do you threatening him or...

The man cuts the woman word, and said with defensive tone: Jesus no, I just admonish him to talk politely that's all...

The woman put down the notebook in her hand on the glass table in front of her, lean forward, knot her fingers together, and said: tell me exactually what happened?

The man waved a head with irritation, sigh, and said: last week a kid came to my work shop with his girlfriend to receive an order. his mother is one of my regular customers, oh, I forget to mention [ pause] I'm a sculptor, and if you ever had an order or like to porches a statue, I would happy to help.

The woman nods with smiled. The man catches a breath, and said: anyway, the kid supposed the pick the order, and I know it's not nice thing to say but the kid is an asshole. Of curse he is teenager that's their trait, and his from reach family so there is no doubt he is spoil one [ pause] at the moment I see him, he starts teasing me with his derisory jock to impress his girlfriend or what attend that he had, and I didn't like it.

Woman: what did he do to reach to your max point?

The man pulled back his head, think for a second, and said: he called me grandpa or something, and treat me like I'm one of his servants than he put his hand on my shoulder, and the next thing I remember I was

sitting on his chest, and gaze at the fear in his eyes while his nose was bleeding.

Woman: you mean black out?

The man waves a head with hesitancy, and said: no, it wasn't like that, it's just the dark side came out [smile]

The woman pulled back her head, and asked: the dark side?

Man: it's a start wars1 reference

The woman looked at him silently. The man put his both leg on the ground, lean forward to the edge of the chair, and said: look doctor, I know that I made a horrible thing, and I'm ready to accept the consequence of my action like a man. that the reason I'm here, and frankly the court made me...

1.start wars: the movie franchise

The Woman smiled at him, and said: M.r Wilson...

The man leans his back to the chair, and said: please, call me **John**...

The woman shakes a head as the sign of confirm, and said: the reason you here John is

to I make sure that you don't repeat this type of action. We are live in twenty-one Century, and we don't use violence anymore like we used to.

John wave a head, and said: it's true...

Woman: my attend is to detect the root your anger to I can help you.

The man crooked his head, and said: the root of my anger? [pause] this is goanna be a long section, isn't it?

The woman smiled at him, and slowly shake her head vertically as the sign of confirm. John takes a look at the woman in front of him, flatten his lips, and plant a fake smile on his cold look.

Few minutes later John came out of the shrink office, and take step toward to the secretary desk. He takes a look at the brunette thin girl behind the desk, and said: hi, doctor Jenson ask me to book the meeting time for tomorrow.

The woman behind a desk glance at John, and said: one moment please [ She takes a look at

the computer in from of her] same time, tomorrow?

John takes a look at the clock above secretary head, and saw the time [5:16], he looked at her, and said: yeh, that work for me.

The secretary seal John's court cart, and put it the desk in front of him. he picked the card smiled at the secretary, and take step toward to the exit door.

John left the building, bring out his wired handsfree on his pocket, and start until the knot. He put the handsfree in his phone, open his music folder, dragged his hand on the screen, and play song [beautiful / Eminem<sup>2</sup>].

2.Eminem: name of a fames raper.

He pulled the hat that attach to his black hoodie on his head, and take stop into street.

The colorless on the street at the evening was depressing, and looking at the people wasn't very interesting either.

The filthy street of the New York₃ was look like the same. Always crowed, and smell like piss. The homeless people next to dumpster looking for something the eat. The heavy traffic behind the cross road, and the crack whore that mooching around cross road looking for customer. The funky smell of the swear steam that go under your nose due to the autumn breeze.

John while was stare at his path without looking around reach himself to bus station. He stands near of the station, put his hand inside of his pants pocket, gaze at the street in front of him, and wait for the bus. After few second a white bus gets close to the station, and hit the brake.

3.New York: name of a city

John put his hand out of his pocket, and get in the bus. The bus was almost full, John went at the end of the bus, and sit on a seat near to the window.

He leans his head to the bus window, took a deep breath, and gaze out side. The bus start moving, and John' head shudder by the movement of the bus.

The sky was getting dark, and the light of the vehicle in the street luminous the street. The speed of the bus decline, and stooped at the

next stop. Few passengers get on, and the bus start moving. One of the passengers was a blond woman with black eyes, and infant baby in her arm. All the seats in the bus were full. When John's eyes fell on the woman, he stands up on his chair, glance at the woman, and point at the seat with his eyes. the woman take step forward, look at John, and said with smile: thank you...

John wave a head with smiled without saying a word, stand on his foot, and grab the bus barn.

Meanwhile John received an alarm of his phone. He brings out the phone from his black jeans pocket, and take a look at the screen.

No massages, no miss call, just the low battery alarm. John brings out the wired handsfree of his ear, and put it back in his pocket. Whie he was gaze out side of the window the baby in woman's arm start crying. The woman jiggled the baby in her arm, and said: hush, hush...

The woman lay down the baby in her lab, lift up her shirt, bring out her left breast out of

her bra, and start breastfeeding the baby. When John saw the baby suck woman's brownish cream nipple, his eyes pup out for a second. he turns her face around immediately, and press her eyes with a crooked lip. John fist his hand around the iron bar of the bus, catch a breath throw his nose, and wave a head with trance look.

He gazed at the street, and wait to arrive to his distance. Couple of minutes later the boss stop. John pays hi fair, and take off.

He takes step into the street, and turn into a wide ally of Brooklyne<sup>4</sup> near to the port. There were few big warehouses attach next to each other. John takes step toward to the second on in the left side, and bring out a remote control of his pocket. He pressed the remote button, and warehouse shutter went up.

John was standing in front of shutter while was tapped his left foot to ground, and mumbling the music he listens to it earlier under his lips.

John: take my shoes just to see what it's like to be me I bee you let's trade shoes...

The electric shutter went up moiety, John takes step forward, leans himself, went inside of the warehouse, and the press the remote button. The electric shutter start going down behind him. John takes step toward to second door, put his key on the lock, and spin it. the wooden door open, John takes step inside, and closed the door behind himself.

4. Brooklyne: one of the New York neighborhoods.

He dragged his hand on the wall in the darkness, and looking for the light key. He hit the switch, and the ball lights turn on with a little delay, and flicker.

A five hundred miter salon with height ceiling, and four rows of all kind of statue on the wooden table in different sized, and shape. There was tree empty row between tables that allowed to walk freely among the statues. a small workshop was at the end the salon that detach with a dark blue slat. at the right side of the workshop there was small office with giant glass window, and on the left side there was another door under the iron stare case that leads to a suite on the second floor.

John locked the door behind himself, toss his kye in the air, and take step forward. At the beginning of the row there was twenty-inch Nepoleon<sub>5</sub> statue that stand on a pile of rock.

John stand in front of the statue, bow, and said with respectful tone through mocking: good evening Mosieur<sub>6</sub>

5. Nepoleon: Nepoleon Bonaparte: the leader of the France empire in fifteen-century

6.Mosieur: French word for sir

John smiled at the statue, and stand straight. He takes step, spin around himself, lean his head toward to another Statue, and said: Mademoiselle, Chanel [turn his neck to another one] Alexander the grate; enjoying of your residence [pause, and wave a head] well I'm glad to hear.

He takes step forward, look at the thirty-inch Mermaid statue that lay on the sand, and said: the little Ariel<sub>10</sub>, stunning as ever [ band over his head near to statue, and turn his ear to the statue] what's that? [ turn his face] Oh, honey I love you too but I'm not looking for trouble [pause] as I told you before we can't be together because the age different

[ pause] you so pretty but so, am I in jail [ snigger]

John raised his head, and walk forward while was laughing at his silliness. He reached at the end of aisle, and stand in front a pirate statue on the ground in own size. John gaze at the statue with frown, and pulled back his head.

7.Mademoiselle: French word for miss / 8. Chanel: Coco Chanel was a French fashion designer

9: Alexander the grate: the king of ancient Greek/ 10. Ariel the little mermaid: carton character

He dragged his thump with index finger in his beard, raised an eyebrow, and said with pirate impression: Jack Sparrow<sub>11</sub>, my old nemesis [bring out an imaginary sword, and shout] I told you the black pearl in mine cocksucker...

He starts running toward to the iron stare case with Jack sparrow impression while was humming the pirate of the Caribbean<sub>12</sub> song under his lips.

John laugh at himself, and take step in to the first iron stair. while he was searching between his kye chain, and climb of the stairs. He stands in front of the door above the

staircase, put the kye in lock, and shout: honey [pause] I'm home...

He opens the door, and take a look. a regular size room as the shape of rectangle with paving, and wall paper as the color of the walnut. There was glass wall at the end of the room that lead to a balcony. At the right side, the room was filled with kitchen equipment with a sink that separate the room in two parts.

11. Jack sparrow: a fictional character

12.pirate of the Caribbean: the movie title

At the left side of the room there was big indent in the wall like a closet wall, and there was single bed facing to the balcony that attach to the western wall near to the door.

There was female mannequin like a doll that wear a black bandage dress<sub>13</sub> on the bed. the detail on mannequin's face was significant. The big green olive eyes with blond extension hair, and black eyelashes be match with the boney chick, and innocent look in the eyes. The color of the doll skin was white, and the trace of thick lipstick on mannequin heart shape lips was striking.

John closed the door room, toss his kye on the bowl on wooden niche next to door, take a look at the doll, and said with amorous tone: hey sweety [ take of the hoodie, take step forward] miss me?

John gets close to the mannequin, band over himself, and kiss the doll chick. he stands straight, sign, and said: it's been a frustrating day, thank you for asking...

13. bandage dress: dress model.

while he was going toward to the closet wall glance at the doll, and said: it was fine [he opened the clothes door] the secretary sings my court card [ put the hoodie in the closet, and start taking off his gray shir that he waring] one session end elevon one to go.

John takes out a loose black shirt from closet, and start waring from sleeve. He pulled down the shirt, untied his belt, take a of his jean, and wear comfortable pants.

He takes step toward to the kitchen, bring out the buttle of water from fridge, and start drinking. After he drink the water, he put the buttle in the fridge, close the door, and turn his face toward to the doll. The mannequin that looks like real person for John, looked at him, and said with thin feminine voice: you didn't mention me in the session, did you?

John look at the doll, flatten his lips, swallow the water in his mouth, and said: are you crazy? [ take step forward] if I told to the shrink, I'm on love with a doll, I wasn't' here right now...

The doll put her head back, and said with aggrieved tone: doll?

John crooked his lips, and said: you know what I mean

The doll shrugged, and said with a shiver of resentful in her tone: so, I'm just a fucking doll to you, am I?

John wave a head, and said: Jesus, **Mary** it's not like that...

He takes step toward to the bed, sit next to the doll, put his hand on the doll's chick, turn her face toward to him, gaze at the doll's eyes, put the doll's hair behind her ear, and said: Mary you know I love you, but I cant talk about you to anyone, for other you just a doll, but for me you real woman[ pause] I see you, I fell you, and you know I want you more than anything in this damn word [smiled with tinder look] you my everything [ he band over, and kiss the doll's chick]

When he pulled back his head, the doll gaze at John's eyes, smiled fondly, dragged her finger on John's chick, and said: I guess you right, [pause] the word it's not ready for are love...

John smiled at her, and said: that's right, beside as long as I love you, why do you care about the other say?

Mary locked her hand around John's neck, and said with delicate voice: you, and your sliver tongue, I can't stay mad at you. come here...

Mary band's over toward to John's face, and kiss his lips. John hooked his hand around Mary's waist, lift her up, and toss her on the bed while was kissing her.

The sound of naughty feminine titter plants a smile on John's dark cracked lips. John lay on the mattress next to the doll, caress Mary's

hair, look at her eyes, and said: I love you, more than you can imagine...

Mary smiled at him, kiss John's chick, hold John's head between her hand, and said: I love to, and you should know no one goanna love you more than I...

John smells Mary's hair, blink with amorous look, gaze at her eyes, and said: I know...

John smiled at the doll while was hold it between his arm, and closed his eyes for a second.

John wakes up with the alarm of police car in the street. He took a deep breath, press his eyes for several time, and his eyes fell on the doll's face that he holds between his arm. He catches a breath, turn his body, sit in the edge of the bed, and yawn.

John gaze at the wooden floor for a second, and glance at the clock on the wall. The clock shows 2:46 am.

He stands on his feet, and take step toward to the closet. Mary came out under the blanket, glance at John, and said with sleepy voice: where are you going?

John while was wearing his work clothes look at her, and said: I have order, [ start tied his shirt button] go back to sleep.

Mary put her head on the pillow, and closed her eyes. John takes step toward to the fridge, drink water from buttle, and take step toward to the door. John closed the door behind himself, and take step on iron staircase.

The sound of his step echo in the warehouse. He reached himself down stairs, take step toward to the dark blue slat, and remove the crowbar behind the door. John takes step into the dark space, take a look around to find the switch light.

He put down the switch, and turn on the belvedere. The belvedere turns on with delay, and enlighten the room

A small room as the size of ten to eight foot with short roof that surrounded by the wooden shelves. The shelve were filled with sculptor tools, and colorful paint can. A few sacks of sculpting clay were pile on the corner, and a work table with wide wooden board was in the center of the room that crumb clay was all over on it.

John sits behind his work desk on his leather stool. He sticks a simple wooden base on the board, crumple few old newspapers, and covered it with a plastic around the base. After he prepare the sculpture core, he starts making the mortar, and start paste it around the core.

He shaped the clay like a face, and pulled himself back with the leather wheeled stool that was sit on it.

John used his feet, dragged the stool toward to the shelves, and start searching between the pattern on the paper in the shelves. John brings out a paper among the patterns, look at it, and sit: that's it...

He slipped the stool toward to the table, put the patter on it, pick a sharp tool on his desk, and start drawing guideline on the clay. He starts laying the bony feature on the clay, to prepare it for the next level. After he made the face of the sculpture, he starts using of his tool to add the detail to the clay.

John finished the sculpture, and let it dry to ready for painting. He leaves his workshop, and get back to upstairs.

he opened the door, and went toward to the kitchen without looking at the doll. The clock on the wall shows the 3: 38 am. He opened the cabinet, and bring out a box of cigarette.

John takes out a cigarette on the box, put it on his lips, pick the lighter next to the oven, and went toward to the balcony. He opened the glass door, lay his shoulder on the right side of the door, and light his cigarette.

John took a deep puff, hold it in her lungs, and gaze at the darkness of the ocean view.

Suddenly he felt a hand on his shoulder, he slowly turns his face, and saw Mary behind him. John while grab the cigarette between his fingers, raise his hand, and moved toward to Mary's lips. Mary bands over take a puff on John's cigarette, and hold it. she let out the

smoke in her lung, glance at John, twist her eyebrow, and said: are you okey?

John took another puff, wave a head, and while was holding the smoke said with deep

voice: yeh [ let out the smoke]

Mary: you seem a little off?

John looked at her, and responds with tired voice: I'm okey...

Mary put her hand on John's chick, look at him with pity look, and said: why do you laying to me John?

John narrowed his eyes, crooked his lips, and said: what do you mean...

Mary: you can lie to others but not yourself...

John gaze at Mary with numb face for a second. He turns his face to the ocean, let out the smoke on her lung, put down his head, and smiled crookedly under his lips.

John raised his head, glanced at empty space next to himself, take a look behind, and saw the doll on the bed. John puts down his head, and snigger through pain. he raised his head, gazed at the darkness of the ocean, and took another puff of his cigarette.

John takes the last puff, toss the cigarette filter down of the balcony, let out the smoke, and closed the glass door behind himself. He went to the kitchen, and open the fridge.

There were few eggs, a bowl of fruit, two bottle of water, and couple of toasted bread in a plate next to a small plastic bag. John brings out the plastic, open it, smell the salami inside it, pulled back his head, and said: still good...

He brings out the plastic with toasted bread, put on the cabinet next to fridge, and start eating while was standing.

He chews the first bite glance at the doll behind himself, and said: you want some? [ pause] oh, sorry I forgot you don't eat [ take another bite, and smiled under his lips]

John heard the Mary's sound behind him that told him: ha, ha very funny asshole....

John put another bite in his mouth, and while was chewing said: come on that was funny... he finished his meal, put the dish in the sink, and went toward to the door. Mary looked at him, and said: where are you going?

John glanced at her, and said: painting...

Mary: can I come with you?

John stand on his spot, look at the doll, and said with smile: sure, why not...

Mary looked at her with childish smile, and raised her hand toward to him. John takes step toward to her, grab the doll's hand, lift her up, and said come on...

He picks the doll, leave the room, went down stairs, go to his work shop, and sat the doll on a plastic chair in a corner. John takes step toward to the table, touched the statue face, and take step toward to a shelve. He picks a brush of the shelve, take step toward to the table, and sit on his stool. he leans his hand on the table, and start cleaning his brush.

Mary that was sit on plastic chair in the corner look at John, and asked: what do you build?

John blows his brush, glance at Merry, and said: John wick14

Mary asked surprisingly: how?

14. John wick: a fictional Hollywood character

John: it's a movie character

Mary folded her hand, lean on the chair, and said: who order the statue?

John dipped the brush into a paint can, and said: a crazy fan [pause] I'm goanna charge him 800-dollar [smile]

Mary: really?

John while was painted the statue hair, wave a head, and said: yep, believe or not I make good money by selling these things

Mary: what do you do with your money?

John looked at her, and said: wow, where is that come from?

Mary pulled back her hair, and said: what, what did I say?

John smiled, and said: nothing, I'm just over reacting [look at Mary] I save it in a bank account, why do you ask?

Mary waves a head, and said with meek tone: nothing, I just ask [ she take a look around, and said with faint voice] but a new set of clothes is nice...

John looked at her, and asked surprisingly: clothes, why?

Mary shrugged, and said: I just said it, I'm wearing [ grab the clavicle part of her dress with to finger, and pulled it up] this near to a year...

John stops painting, look at her with sympathetic look, and said: I see what I can do...

Mary looked at John, put her hand down, and smile under her lips.

After John finish the panting, he stands up on his place, twirl his body, and the sound of breaking his colic filled the room. he takes step toward to plastic chair, lift the doll, turn off the belvedere, and leave the room.

He climbs of the stairs while he carried the doll. he reached himself to the room, put the doll on the bed, plug his phone, glance at the

clock on the wall, [5:23] and lay on the bed. he removed the blanket under himself, and toss on himself.

John glanced at Mary, put the blanket on the doll, turn it to the wall, and hugged her from behind. he hooked his hand around doll's waist, and kiss her hair. Mary grabs John's hand, turn her neck to him, and said: sweat dreams baby...

After few hours John wake up with the phone alarm. He removed the blanket, stand on his feet, take step to the closet, and bring out a set of new clothes with a towel.

He leaves the room, climb down of the stairs, and open the bathroom door under the iron staircase.

He takes a quick shower, changed his closet, and start cleaning his disheveled hair while was getting out of bathroom.

John gets back to his room, take a look at the clock [7:52], and went toward to the closet. He wears casual clothes, went toward to the

kitchen, grab the cigarette box with the lighter, and put in his pocket.

John pick his kye chain, glance at the sleepy doll in the bed, and said: bye honey...

He left the room, closed the door behind himself, and lock it. he came down of stairs, and take step in the aisle among statues.

He pressed his remote button, and the shutter start going up. John pass through the wooden door, bring out his cigarette box, and stand in front of his workshop.

The heap of white cloud was covered the half of sky in the morning. The sound rustle of the cigarette box mixed with the horn ship in the port, and break the silence of the area.

John put the cigarette between his lips, and before he manages to enlighten his smoke the sound of opening shutter on his left side draws his attention. He turns his face, put out the cigarette on his mouth, and gaze at the shutter that was went up.

A magenta Audi A5<sub>15</sub> turn into the street, and drive toward to the statue workshop.

15.Audi: car brand

John heard the brake scream of the car, and his eyebrow twist together. he put the cigarette back in the box, and put the box it in his pocket.

The car stopped in front of the workshop, and driver turn off the engine. The car door open, and a ruby height heel touched the ground. a woman takes off the car. She was wearing a white long dress to her knee, a red coat that match with the color of her heels, and she was carry a black barrel bag. she takes step forward, and remove her sunglass on her oval Face. she was gorgeous without makeup, her tan skin luster under the fade sun light, and the blackness in her eyes match with her dyed short heir with bang.

John gaze at the woman for a second, and said with sensual tone under his lips: oh boy...

He glanced at the empty warehouse in his left side, and start thinking. The sound of the woman's heel gets stronger, she gets close to John, and said with smile: hi... John that was stare at the empty warehouse turn his face to the woman, and said: hello, you must be the new owner?

The woman waves a head with smile, and said: guilty

John: the real estate agent told me someone sign a contract for here, I was wonder who get this place.

The Woman bring out a business card of her purse, raised her hand toward to John, and said: I got this place, I attend to open a household appliance

John said with enthusiastic tone: that's grate...

He grabs the card, and take a look at it. There was two big R letter on the card with a point between it as the color of red with white background, and the number at the button of with a slogan publicity under it that wrote by green\_color.

R.R

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Your truth is our credit

John takes a look at the business card, glance at the woman, and asked surprisingly: R.R?

The woman smiled, and said: it's stand for **Rachel Richards** 

John look at the woman, and said: so, it's your store?

The woman nod, and said: yes

John glance at the business card, and said: impressive [pause] welcome to the neighborhood, I'm John Wilson, but you can call me John...

Woman raised her hand, and said: nice to meet you John

John grabs the woman's hand, and shake hand with her. The woman glace at the sign above statue shop, and said: your bough this place?

John pulled back his hand, wave a head, and said: no, it's rental

Woman: ah, how long you been here?

John folded his hand, and said: near to year

Woman wave a head, take a look around, and said: how is here, the neighborhood, people? I saw tree warehouse across, what are they?

John points his finger across the street, and said: this one is carpentry, the other one is blacksmith, and the one that you park your car in front is empty [ point his finger at his right side] same is here ...

Woman glance at behind, and said: what's their name?

John: the carpenter is M.r parker, and the black smith is M.r Mahmoudi. He run the shop with his brother, they are emigrant, nice people

In the meantime, two loaded truck turn in the street. The woman takes a look at the truck, and said: the workers is here [ turn her face to John] they here to set the decor, my opening is tomorrow

John takes a look at the trucks, raised an eyebrow, turn his face to the woman, and said surprisingly: already?

The woman smiled, and said: yes, my cargo is goanna arrive by noon, I bought everything before I just wait for my permit to approve

John: oh, is that so...

Woman: yes [ she leans her head, takes a look inside of the statue shop, glance at the John, point her finger forward] may I take a look?

John raised his hand forward, and said: please come in...

The woman takes a look and John, and walks side him with distance. the woman gets close to the wooden door, John stand behind the woman, raised his hand, and said: ladies first...

The woman glance at him with charming smile, and said what a gentleman...

John smile, and put his head down. the woman take step forward. John takes a peek at her fleshy claves, and wave a head with meaningful look.

They went inside, and the woman take a look around. she stands in front of the tables, take

a look at the statue, and said: wow, these are incredible

John takes step forward unfold his hand, put it in his pocket, stand next to woman, and said: thank you, I made him myself

The woman glance at him with wide open eyes, and said with shocking tone: really?

John wave a head with smile, and said: yes...

The woman take step between the empty row while was stare at the statue, and said: I don't know anyone told you this, but you're a real artist.

John snigger with flatter face, and said: thank you...

The woman takes a spin around, look at the room upstairs, and said: is that the office?

John turns his face to upstairs, and said: technically yes, but I kind a live here, and I build a small office on the corner...

The woman takes a look at the office in the corner behind herself, and said: oh, is see

John shrugged, and said: it's better for me this way, financially. I make a few changes in here, build a bathroom in storage part, and make it inhabitable...

Woman: that's nice, are you live alone?

John wave a head, put his head down, and said: yeh...

The woman takes a look around, take step toward to a golden angel statue with wing, and said: oh, that's nice...

John spin toward to her, and said: you like it?

The Woman grab the statue, and said: I love it, that's so cute, I must have it

John brings out his hand from his pocket, take step to her, and said: oh sure, let me wrapped it for you...

The woman looked at him, wave a head, and said: no need...

John stopped, and said: oh, ok...

The Woman opened her purse, bring a credit card, glanced at John, and said: do you take American-express card<sub>16</sub>?

John smiled, and said: this one on the house, consider it as a welcome gift...

Woman smiled at him, and said: thank you for your kindness.

John smiled at her without saying a word. The woman touched the statue face with her thump, glance at John, and said: thank you John for you gift [pause] I should go check the workers, see you around...

John shakes a head, and said: I see you M.s Richards

The woman glance at John, and said: please call me Rachel...

She smiled at John, turn her face, and leave the work shop. John wave a head, and smiled under his lips.

He spent the day in his work shop, few customers came, and go. At the afternoon John closed his workshop, and went out to reach himself to his therapy session.

16. American-express: a credit card company

John was gaze at floor while was sit outside of the shrink's office. After few minutes the secretary look at John, and said: M.r Wilson, doctor Jeson is expecting for you.

He went inside, sit in front of the shrink, narrowed her eyes, lean on the chair, and said: something is different about you

Doctor Jenson pulled back her head, and ask surprisingly: what do you mean?

John looked at her closely, and said: you change your eyebrow?

Doctor smiled, put her head down for a second, and said: yes, I had a salon appointment this morning, how did you notice it.

John smiled at her, and said: I'm just a sharp guy...

Doctor: yeh I notice it [pause] so, can we pick up from where we left off?

John crooked his lips, and said: I wanna say no but what's the point

Doctor: what, don't you want to talk about your family?

John took a deep breath, and said after a short pause: honestly no, I don't want exhumation again...

Doctor: what's the reason of your abhorrence on your family?

John wave a head, grind his teeth with closed mouth, lean himself forward, and said with numb tone: I grow with a horrible parent. My mother was dominate, selfish, bitch that always blame me to ruin her life, you know how it's like to grow up with mother like that?

John raised his tone, and continued: I have to bust my ass for a little attention from her, I always see other mom in school, how they treat with their kid, and wondering why my mother couldn't be like one of them [ pause] you know how many times I saw her when she tries to commit a suicide, believe me I lost track after a while.

Doctor: you seem you angry of her?

Jonhn pulled himself back, and said with sarcastic tone: really what was your clue?

Doctor: I understand you're angry, but you don't need to be sarcastic

John steals his look from doctor, and said: you right, I'm sorry

Doctor: it's okey, but you should talk to your mother about the feelings you have, about the problem she caused...

John twist his eyebrow, glance at doctor, and said: to I waist my breath [ snigger sarcastically] thank you but no.

Doctor: ok, what about your father?

John rolled on eye, lean his head back, glance at floor, take a look at doctor's eyes, and said: oh, fuck him...

Doctor looked at him, and said: John we here to talk about the trouble you been through, the reason of your anger...

He cut the doctor's word, and said: I know what is the reason if my anger, and I'm ready told I have in control, that was one time thing [raised his tone] how many times I have to say that...

Doctor: ok, but you are yelling John

John lowering his tone, and said with grinding teeth: because when I say it with regular voice no one seems to believe me...

Doctor glance at him, and said: I do believe you, I understand you have conflict with yourself, I want to know why, and that only happen when you talk about your issues.

John put his head down, swallow the lump in his throat, and said: well, I don' wanna

Doctor gaze at her with a pity look, and said: but this way I can't help you [pause] now tell me about your father, how was he like?

John wave a head, folded his hand, fist his hand, start tapping his right foot to the ground, and said: he was a rakish man, I caught her couple time when he was cheating to my mother with other women. he didn't give shit about me, I'm just like a hobby for him to a kid, but unlike her cunt wife I had good moment with him...

Doctor: what do you mean?

John stop tapping his foot to the ground, unfolded his hand, put his palm on his knee,

and said: you know, when I was a child he took me to park, we play football together, and I remember each time he went a [ air quote] business trip, he brings me a little souvenir. He was awful too but compare to my mother he was better but still I don't want to see him at all.

Doctor: when was the last time you saw your parents?

John wave a head, and said: I don't know, five or six years ago

Doctor: they didn't try to make contact with you?

John: I don't know, because I change my number

Doctor lean forward, gaze at John's eye's and said: don't you want to make a contact with them?

John responds with better tone: absolutely fucking not, the last think I need is to bring them to my current life

Doctor: what if you realize one of is sick or God forbid if one of them die already.

John gaze at doctor with numb look, and said with sore tone: they already dead to me, and I mourn for them before. that's why I said I don't want to exhumation again. I closed their file because that the right thing to do for me, and I'm appreciate if you put you nose out this subject

Doctor raised an eyebrow, and said: ok, as your wish. What about relationship, sometimes is helpful to share your doubt or fear with someone especial.

John look at woman, and said: I'm in a relationship [ change his tine] but doubt and fear? [ smile] I don't doubt to myself, and fear for people that have something to lose, what I've got...

Doctor: why do say that, don't you ever think what happened to your partner after you?

John smiled, and said: it's definitely hard for her, but I'm assure she's deal with it...

Doctor: it's seem you know her pretty well

John: yeh, we have a little on, and off, but I love her Doctor: how long you been with her?

John wave a head, and said: near to year, she's the first serious relationship I have, and she gets me. I've dated with other girls before her, and few one nights stand but let me tell you something this generation is fucked up. I can't get along with any of them, it's like they live in a different word. Loyalty had no concept for them, love is just a jock, and debauchery turn into a glory for them.

Doctor: I understand it's might be tough. you are the old faction guy [ sigh through tedium] and these days there are few people like you.

John glance at doctor with meaningful look, and said: it's seemed you have hatred of this generation too.

Doctor: not this generation, just men [ put her head down]

John pulled back her head, and said: ouch...

Doctor looked at him, and said: no, no, don't mean get me wrong, it's just finding a pure love is getting hard these days.

John wave a head, and said with agreed tone: I know what you saying sis...

Doctor: why do say that, aren't you happy with your relation?

John pressed his lips, and said after a pause: no, I am. it's just... [ the face of the doll passing through his eyes, and the sound of his mind said< she's not real>]

Doctor: just want?

John smiled with pain, wave a head, and said: nothing, it's just sometimes wondering does she loves me as I have. [put his head down]

Doctor gaze at John with fade smile on her lips. They talk for few minutes, later, and John leave the office. he leaves the building, saw the bus in the street, and start running.

He catches the bus, and sit in the last row.

John takes of the bus after few stopped. He goes to a market near to his neighborhood, and bough few things for himself.

He spins into the street, and saw few workers empty a ship cargo into the warehouse next to his workshop. He holds the bags in his hand with one hand, bring out his remote of his pocket, and press the button. He takes step toward to his work shop, and forgot to pull the shutter down. he straight up to the upstairs, and put the kye on the door.

He unlocked the door, opened it with a kick, and goes toward to the kitchen. He put the bags in the kitchen, glance at the sleeping doll in the bed, and said with better tone: well, hello to you too...

John put the few things in the fridge, put a pan on the oven, grease it with oil, turn on the oven with light flame, open a few frozen vegetables in the bag inside the bag, and pour in the pan. The faint sound of sizzling filled the room. He brings out a plastic bag from bags, and take step toward to bed.

Mary while was crumple herself under the blanket sit in her spot, folded her hand with better face, and glare at John with sour look.

John gets close to her, and said: come on don't give me that look [pause] closed your eyes, I got to surprise to you

Mary glance at John, and said: if open my eyes, and see you naked again I swear to God...

John smiled at her, and said: no, no it's nothing like that, I'm promise

Mary sign, and closed her eyes. John brings out the plastic back that hide behind himself. look at the doll, and said: open your eyes.

He was holding a long pink dress without sleeve with curly skirt in front of the doll. when Mary saw the clothes, a cheerful smile appears on her lips, and her eyes dilated through happiness. She sat on her knee on the bed, and touched the button on the dress.

She glanced at John, and said with cheerful tone: it's made from silk

John wave a head, and said: yeh, it's was a little expensive but I got it anyway because you deserve the best.

Mary looked at John with amorous look, and said: thank you John [ she jumps in John's arm, and said under his ear] this means a lot

to me [ pulled back her face, and kiss John's lips]

John put Mary down, look at in her eyes, and said with shenanigan tone: now than you got a new dress [ put his two fingers in Mary's collar] maybe I can tear this one apport...

Mary glace at him with naughty look, and with erotic tone: oh, I like that...

John put his right hand behind doll's neck, and grab her breast with other hand while was kissing the doll's lips.

In the mean time a woman voice from down stairs shout: John [pause] are you upstairs?

John pulled back his head with panic face, and said: shit...

He takes a look behind himself, and hear the sound of woman's heel on the iron staircase.

John glanced at the doll, covered the silk pink clothes under the blanket, lift the doll, put it under his armpit, ran toward to the closet, squeeze the doll in the closet, and walk toward to the door with rush. Rachel Richards while was holding a pizza box in her hand was climbing of the iron stairs. Suddenly John came out of the room, and Rachel by seeing him gasp, and take step backward. She catches a breath, and said with panic: Jesus...

John looked at her, and said with worried tone: sorry, did I scare you?

Rachel waves a head, and said: no, I just a little surprise [ pause] I saw your shutter is opened, and I was wondering maybe you like it to eat dinner [ pint at the pizza box in her hand] together

John glance at the pizza box, and said: thank you but I was just goanna making dinner...

Rachel sniffed her nose twice, look at John, and said: something burning isn't?

John takes a look at kitchen, and said: shit...

He ran toward to kitchen, pick a spoon, and start mixing the stuff on the pan. Rachel takes look at him, and take step inside. The smoke came out of the pan. John sigh, turn of the oven, turn his face to Racheal, and said: my dinner turns to coal...

Rachel looked at him, flatten her lips, raised the pizza box toward to him, and point at it with her eyes. John looked at her with smile, and said: come on in...

John brings out two sodas of the fridge, put on the stone cabinet, went to the corner of the room, and bring two wooden chairs. He put one of it in front of the stone dining table on the cabinet behind Rachel, and pull the chair back.

Rachel glance at him with smile, sit on the chair, put the pizza box on the cabinet and said: thank you...

John eyes fell on floor at Rachel shoes, she was a different shoe with lower heel, but the same color. John looked at her, and said: you change you shoe? [ he went other side of the cabinet]

Rachel turns her face to her, and said with wide open mouth: how did you know?

John glance at her, sit on the chair in front of her, and said: I'm very meticulous

Rachel pulled her face back, and said with shock tone: your gay, aren't you?

John crooked his neck, lift one of his eyebrows, and said with wide open mouth: bag you pardon?

Rachel asked with hesitate: you're not?

John glare at her, and said: what makes you think that way?

Rached: it's just I never saw a straight meticulous guy

John: and that's make me gay?

Rachel: obviously I'm made a mistake, sorry [ open the pizza box] let's start...

John pulled the pizza box away, gaze at the Rachel with numb face, and said: hold on a second, why do you think I'm gay?

Rachel looked at him, and said: Jesus I don't want to upset you, sorry

John folded his hand, look at her with frown, and said: what makes you feel if I told you lesbian?

Rachel snigger, glance at him, and said: actually, I had a lesbian experience in collage

A foolish smile appeared on John's face. he bands over, grab slice pizza, gaze at Rachel, and said: interesting topic, let's talk about that... [bite the pizza]

Rachel waves a head with laughter, and said: ok you definitely not gay, but I got to ask why all the guys obsess with lesbian

John swallow his bite, and said: let's me explain for you with simple example [pause] do you like candy?

Rachel: I love it, especially KitKat<sub>17</sub>

John: okey, if you receive one candy you get happy, and if you receive a two you be happier...

Rachel waves a head with smile, and said: ok I get your point, no please let's change the subject...

John open one of the sodas can, put it in front Rachel, and said: okey, what do you like to talk about?

Rachel grab pizza slice, and said: have you always been more meticulous?

John thinks for a second, bite the pizza slice in his hand, and said: yes...

Rachel pulled back her head, and said: interesting, my husband didn't notice the change of my hair color

17.KitKat: a candy craned

John looked at her, and said: obviously he is blind, no offence

Rachel smiled, and said: it's ok, it's actually my ex-husband

John glance at her, and said: oh, sorry to hear that...

Rachel responds: thank you [ she put her face down with sad look, and take a bite of her food]

John realize the Sandness in her look, and said: I got something to say

Rachel raised her head, and said: what?

John cleans his mouth, take a sip of his soda, and said: If I wanna buy a washing machine, can you give me discount?

Rachel: sure, how about ten percent?

John: perfect, when can I buy it?

Rachel responds: tomorrow after I my opening

John: good, put a way a black one for me

Racheal: why black?

John: I loves the black one [ start thinking for second]

Rachel looked at him with meaningful look.

John glance at him, and said: ok I heard it, but
I mean the color ok

Rachel put down her head, and said with smile: ok...

John wave a head with disappointing look, stand on his spot, and said: thank you for dinner

Rachel: but you hardly eat?

John: thank you but I got watch my wight

Rachel: you kidding, you pretty on shape, do

you work out?

John respond: yes, tree to four time in week, and one or two session cardio...

Rachel: wow, why you put so much pressure on yourself?

John: I got to drain my energy somehow...

Rachel glance at him, and said with mockery tone: why, don't you have a boyfriend or something

John looked at her with numb face, and said: ha- ha, I told you I'm straight I loke girl

Racheal takes a bite of the pizza, and said: so, you got girlfriend?

John glance at the closet wall, and saw Mary olive green eyes behind the gap closet. He turns his face to Rachel, and responds: no, I don't

Rachel flattens her lips, and said: come on, don't bullshit me

John looked at her with numb face, and said: I'm serious

Rachel takes a sip of her drink, and said: why not [pause] are you a wanker?

John looks at her with glare, and said: no...
Rachel: are you a kinky one with weird fetish?
John wave a head with numb face, and said:

let's just drop this subject before we get father

Racheal: ok, but tell me a good reason why a guy like you doesn't have a girlfriend?

John crooked his lips, and said surprisingly: a guy like me?

Rachel: oh, don't take me wrong, I mean you have you own business, handsome, and still young. How old are you thirty-three, thirty-four?

John pulled back his face, and said: for God's sake I'm 26

Rachel eyes pop out, and said with worried tone: oh, sorry I...

John wave a head, and said: it's okey I get that a lot. If I look older it's because the beard. if I shave it's I look like high school boys, beside I lose few hair [ point at empty side of his for head] Rachel glance at him with shock face, and said: there is no way that you be twenty years younger than me...

John eyes pop out. he narrowed his eyes, and said: what, you forty-six years old? [pulled his face forward, and said with low voice] are you vampire?

Rachel gaze at John without saying a word.

John pulled down his collar, turn his neck to Rachel, and said: if you are, can you turn me? Rachel frown at him, and said: are you teasing me?

John said with serious tone: God no, I mean you look so young. thirty-two, thirty-tree max...

Rachel gaze at her, and said with squeaky voice: get the fuck out...

John gaze at her with serious look, and said: I mean it

Rachel smiled at him, and said: well, I'm really flatter...

John stand on his spot, went toward to the Balcony, glance at Rachel, and said: you might if I smoke?

Rachel glare at him, and said: I tough you're an athlete

John brings out his cigarette box, and said: so?

Rachel gaze at her with shock face, and said: so why are you smoking?

John put a cigarette on his lips, and said: why you don't?

Rachel opens her mouth without saying anything, let out her breath, and said: fear enough...

The sound of the lighter flint filled the room, John takes step into the balcony, and took a deep puff. Rachel stands on her spot, went toward to John, and said: give me one too

John let out the smoke, glance at her, raised an eyebrow, and said: are you serious?

Rachel: yeh, I was quite a brief moment Because of Alen, [wave a head] my husband, but I starting recently John looked at her, and said: ok...

He brings out the cigarette box, and gave it to her. Rachel brings out s cigarette, and give back the box to him. John light the lighter and get in under the cigarette. Rachel took a puff, look at John, and said: how long you been smoking?

John takes another puff, hold it in her lung, and said: since high school, what about you?

Rachel let out the smoke, and said: I started in collage

John looks at her, and said with smile: you mean after Noah flood?

Rachel gaze at him with numb face, and said: hey don't jock about my age...

John smile at her, and said: sorry, your right [pause] I should warn you I have dark sense of hummer...

Rachel looked at him with smile, and said: oh yeh?

John wave a head, and said: yeh it's like a curse, just like the nine-inch pines I bless with

in my childhood [ took a deep puff] well ofcurse the priest in jail...

Rachel flattens her lips, put her head down with smile, and said: Jesus...

John glance at her with smile, and said: I told you...

Rachel looked at her, and said: I should take your word in the first place...

John took a deep puff, and gaze at the ocean view in the night. In the mean-time Rachel phone ringed, she brings out her phone out of her dress pocket, and said: hello, [pause] ok [pause] I be there in minutes

She hangs out the phone, look at John, and said: I got to go [ she shows the cigarette in her hand to him] where should I put this?

John grabs the cigarette of her, take step toward to the wooden table in Balcony, and smash the both cigarette in the ashtray. He turns his face to her, and said: I walk you out... Rachel left the room, went in down stairs, and leave the workshop. John says goodbye to her, and put the shutter down. He takes a deep breath, went upstirs, closed the door behind himself, and take step toward to the closet. The moment he opens the closet Mary came out with anger, and slap in John's chick.

John put his hand on his chick, glance at her, and said with confused tone: what the fuck Mary?

Mary takes step forward, and said: why you hiding me in closet?

John frown at her, and said: what the fuck I suppose to do?

Mary gaze at her with rage, and said: are you ashamed of me?

John looked at her with wide open mouth, ghast look, and said: what are you talking about it?

Mary: why are you hiding me, why you didn't introduce me to her, huh?

John wave a head with shock face, and said: what?

Mary takes a deep breath through anger, looked at John with wet eyes, and said: tell me John, when she asked you do you have a girlfriend, why you didn't mention me?

John gaze at her with numb face, and shout: because you not real Mary you just a fucking doll...

For a second Mary face faded, and John saw the Mannequin in front himself. John takes step back with frighten look, and said: what the fuck I'm doing, she's not real...

He gazed at the floor, and said with worried tone: Jesus Crist, I'm losing my fucking mind...

He raised his head, take step forward, and moved the doll in front of the closet. he sits on his knee, and bring out big bag from closet. He unzips the bag, lift the doll, and put in in the bag. He glanced at the doll, steal his look from it, and start crumpling the doll on the bag. He put the bag in to the closet, and lock the closet door.

John takes step back while was gaze at the closet with worried frighten look. he swallows

his saliva, dragged his hand on his face, went on the balcony, and light another cigarette.

While he was sitting in the wooden chair in balcony, and smoke his cigarette halfway he heard a knock- knock sound from closet.

John tossed the cigarette in the ashtray, and stand on his feet immediately. A spooky thin feminine voice said behind the closet door: John... baby I'm sorry, please open the door.

John face turn pale. He takes step backward, and his heart start shivered.

The spooky thin voice that was belong to Mary, said from the closet: John, please get me out of here [ pause] open the door we want to make love if the nosy woman won't show up...

John start thinking, and remember he was kissing Mary's lips before. He pressed his eyes tight, wave a head, and saw the doll's face when he was kissing her.

John opens his eyes, wave a head with confused look, and said with worried tone: what did I done to myself...

He heard the sound of the knocking again, and Mary said with lump in her throat behind the closet: John [ pause] baby I'm start getting worried, please open the door [ she starts crying] John, I said I'm sorry so please get me out of here...

The sound of Mary's crying start getting on John's nerve. She starts moaning, and begging to John get her out of the closet.

Mary starts to wailing, and slamming on the closet door, and constantly calling John.

John turns his face toward to the ocean, press his palms to his ears, closed his eyes, and repeat to himself with worried scared voice: she's not real, she's not real...

John catches a few breaths, open his eyes, and gaze at the darkness in the ocean. The sound of the Mary wailing stop. John heart beat back to normal, and he catch a deep breath as the sign of relief.

While he was gaze at the ocean, his eyes fell on the few thick chain on the dock near to the boat wharf. John narrowed his eyes, turn his face to the closet, and went inside of the house. He opened the closet door, lean himself, and take out the bag of the closet.

John while was carried the bag in one hand leave his room with rush. he climbs down of the iron stairs with height speed, and went toward to the office in the corner.

There was narrow hallway behind the office that leads to the back door of the workshop.

John while was carried the bag, lean himself to right, and walk toward to the back door. there was old iron door with round crowbar at the end of the aisle. he stands behind the door, toss the big bag on the ground, put his both hand on the round crowbar, and start spin it toward to the clockwise.

John pushed the door, and the iron door open with rusty sound. he takes step back, lift the bag on the ground, leave the warehouse, and walk toward to the dock with rush.

He walks on the wooden dock on the water, glance at the bag in his hand, and toss it on the ground. he sits on his knee, grab one of

the thick chains around boat wharf, and start entwin it around the bag.

John stand on his feet, lean on his knee, grab the thick chain with both hands, and toss the bag into the water.

The bag soak, and slowly went down of the water. John while was stand in the edge of the dock was witness of sinking the bag in the deep water.

John turns his numb face, and start walking toward to the warehouse. He enters to the warehouse from backdoor, grab the crowbar, and smash the door. he turns the round crowbar opposed of the clockwise, and walk away.

He passed in front of his statue on the tables, take step on the iron stairs, and went to his room. He closed the door with tense, take step toward to the closet, and changed his clothes.

John cleans the kitchen table, put the trach in the trashcan, and take step toward to the bed. he takes of his shoes, sits on the bed, and felt something under the blanket. He moved himself, removed the blanket, and saw the pink silk dress on the bed.

His eyes shiver for a second. He gazed at the dress with numb face for a second, and put the dress above his hand on the wooden part of the bed.

He lay on the on the bed, crumple himself like a baby, hugged his pillow, closed his eyes, and after seconds he fell sleep.

The next day John went to the sex shop<sub>18</sub> before open his workshop. While he was searching between porno<sub>19</sub> magazine his eyes fell on his shrink that look at the sex toy in the dildo<sub>20</sub> shelves in front of her.

He glanced at her with meaningful look, and said under his lips with low voice: no fucking way...

Doctor Jenson was wearing navy blue sportswear, and pull the cap in her face

## forward while was tied her ponytail behind her head out of the cap.

18. sex shop: a sex shop is a retailer that sells products related to adult sexual or erotic entertainment such as sex toys, lingerie, pornography, and other related products.

19.porno: is sexually suggestive material such as a picture, video, text or audio, intended for sexual arousal 20. Dildo: a sex toy

John smirk wickedly, folded the magazine that he picked, and take step toward to her. He gets close to her, point his eyes at dido shelves in the corner, band over near to Doctor's ear, and said: how about the pink one in the corner?

Doctor Jenson gasp, pull her face back, and touched her heart. she glanced at John, and said: oh God...

John pulled back himself, and said: sorry, doc I didn't wan to scare you...

The doctor chick blushed. She looked at John, and said with shock low voice: what are you doing here M.r Wilson...

John takes a look around, and said: I'm here to buy spaghetti [pause] Jesus doc. what is everyone else doing here?

Doctor pulled her head down without say a word. John looked at her, and said: It's ok

doctor, we all adults, and that's a free country, in a way we can say God bless America...

Doctor while was stand straight with folded hand press her lips together, take a look at John's hand, gaze at him, and said: what did you get?

John glance at doctor, unfold the magazine in his hand, and show it to her. Doctor takes a look at the magazine, take a meaningful look at John, raised an eyebrow, and said: office busty shrinks?

John pulled back his face, and said with low shocking tone: what, everyone has their fetish right?

Doctor wave a head with worried face, and said: if I ask you a question are you answer me honestly?

John leans his head with crooked lips, and said: I try...

Doctor look at John's eyes, and said: are you attract to me?

John smiled with fluster, and said with slim voice: what?

Doctor looked at him with serious look, and raised an eyebrow. John looked at her, and said: what if I have?

Doctor looks at him with disappointing look, and sigh. She grabs John's hand, and dragged him behind a wall in the store in a quieter part. she looked at him with serious look, and said: M.r Wilson I can involve with my patients, and if you think this subject my turn to an issue than I suppose I should recommend you to one of my...

Before doctor can finish her word, John band over himself, hook his hand behind doctor's neck, pull her face toward to herself, and kiss her lips with craving.

Doctor put her hand in John's shoulder, and kiss her back. John finished the kiss, pulled back his face, and gaze at doctor.

M.r Jenson glance at John with enchanted look, wet her lips by rubbing it together, and said: that's was nice [ wave a head] very nice

[ tap the tip of her finger on John's shoulder] but what about Mary?

John pulled back his face, crooked his head, and stare at the doctor with aghast look.

Suddenly John felt a water seep under his foot. he takes a look down, and saw a faint flux of water on the black on white rhombus tiles of the store. He heard the sound of foot step in the water, and raised his hand.

Mary was stand in front of John with wet hair, and soaked skin. The eyeliner under her eyes were dripping on her face. while the drop of water on her face spill on the ground. she glares at John with peeved look, and said with deranged tone by trembling lips: John, I told you I'm sorry, why you did this to me....

John wakes up in the middle of night of his nightmare. He was panting while he was covered with sweat. He takes a look around with dusky look, and said under her lips: Mary...

He jumps in his spot, ran into the kitchen, open a cabinet, and pick a headlight headband. He left the room with rush, reach himself to the dock with bear foot, and stand above water.

He was gaze at the wave in blackness of the water at the dim yellow light of the lightbulb of the dock.

John turns the flash light on his for head, sits on his knee in the edge of the dock, and while the cold steam of his breath came out of his mouth hold his breath. He pushed his feet to the ground, and dive on the water without hesitate.

John swim under the water surface, and reach himself at the bottom of the ocean. While he was holding his brath under the water, he takes a look around, and saw a few fish gather around the bag.

The bag was dipped in the sand halfway, and the blaze of the silver chain around it draw John's attention.

John swim toward to the bag, grab the chain, and try to lift it. the chain was so heavy, and

he couldn't lift the bag with chain around it. the bubble of water was come out of John's nose. He grabs the chain, untie it around the bag, and the bag floating in the water.

John grab's the handle back, push his feet to the ground, and swim toward to the water surface.

The moment he came out of the water he took a deep breath while was wheezing. He swims toward to the dick, grab the edge of wooden part, pulled the bag while the water inside of was empty through thread seams, and toss it on the dock.

John pulled himself up while was panting, and rolled his body on the dock. His body was contract due to coldness of the water. His skin was turn rosy, and his body start shivering because of the cold air.

John rolled his body, push his hand to the ground, and crawl toward to the bag. he put his trembling finger on zip, and unzip the bag. He brings out the crumple upper body of the doll out, put his hand on the doll's chest, and start pressing it. John was gaze at doll's face

with remorseful look, and while was doing the CPR<sub>21</sub>, saying under his lips: come on Mary, come on...

21.CPR: cardiopulmonary resuscitation

John grinds his teeth, put the pressure on doll's chest, and keep saying: come on Mary get back to me...

Tear rolled in John's eyes. he was sitting on his knee above the doll's body, and try to revive an object that wasn't even real. His attempt was admirable. he was poisoning himself with his fable that forget Mary just a mannequin doll.

In that moment he couldn't split the difference. While was try to revive a doll with his shivering hand, he moans under his lips, and shout: come on...

After few pressing suddenly the doll turn real for John, and opened her eyes. Mary gasp, and stat coughing the water of her mouth.

John smiled at her while was crying. He leans Mery on her side to empty the water in her lung. After few second of cough through chocking Mary's breath getting calmer, John

put his hand under her body, lift her up, and walk toward to the back door of the warehouse.

He enters to the workshop, put the doll on the ground, lean it to the wall, and spin the crowbar to luck the door.

John's body start shivering because of the cold air. He glanced at Mary that was lean on the wall. Mary looks at him with painful smile, and said with faint innocent tone: I knew you came back...

John went toward to her, sat on his knee, stick his for head to Mary's for head, and said with a lump on his throat: I'm sorry Mary, I'm sorry...

Mary hooked her hand around John's shoulder. John's lifts doll body, glance at it with disturb look, and said: let's get you warm

John turns the flame under the kettle on the oven, and while was covered himself with a towel put his hand around's oven flame to

worm himself a little. After the water boiled he pours two cup tea for himself, and Mary.

He sniffed his nose, walk toward to bed, put one of the tea cups on the table next to bed, glance at Mary, and said: this one is for you...

Mary while was wearing the pink silk dress, and wrapped the blanket around herself smiled at him without saying a word. she bands over, pick the cup of tea, and take a sip. John sits in the edge of the bed, gaze at Mary with sense of guilt, and said: are you mad at me?

Mary waves a head as the sign of no, and said: I'm just a little angry, I barely can feel my body...

John put his head down with ashamed face. Mary dragged herself forward to John, put the tea cup on the table next to bed, and wrapped her hand around John's waist from behind. she leans her head on John's back, and said with delicate voice: but I still love you...

John gulps the hot tea, put the cup on the table next to bed, titer with pain.

He takes a look at her, and said with penitent voice: I know you do but I'm not sure I even deserve it or not...

Mary dragged her hand in John's wet hair, and said under his right ear, hey don't get hard on yourself, water on the bridge.

John turns his face slightly to Mary, gaze at Mary with wet eyes, and said: I know you forgive me but how can I forgive myself?

Mary put her hand behind John's head, lean his head on her shoulder, and said: hey nothing happened ok, I'm here. So, let's drop it, and don't think about it...

Mary while was holding John in her arm, lean on the bed, and start caressing his head. John while was in Mary's arm, glance at her green olive eyes, and said with broken tone: I don't know what I'm goanna do without you Mary, you my everything...

Mary kiss john's hair, dragged her finger on John's chick, and said: I know you didn't mean that. I know you John, sometimes you just little child that get confused but I'm telling

you now with certainty I'm never goanna live you.

John smirk silently, and Mary continued: now stop blaming yourself we both had are mistakes. [ she put her face in front of John's face] now I'm goanna make your mind off it

John glance at her with innocent look, and said: who?

Mary smiled devilishly, and said: remember the other day when you see the baby breast feeding in the boss?

John frown at her, and said: but I never...

Mary put her finger in front of John's lips, and said with her thin delicate voice: hush, that's not the point...

John: [ silent]

Mary: we done this before Johnny my boy, and I know you love it...

she put her finger on John's chin, look at him with charitable look raised his head, stare at John's eyes with seductive look, and said with purity in her feminine tone: I want to be your **mommy**...

John's eyes dilated, and he gaze at Mary with praise look. Mary brings out her left hand out of the Silk pink sleeve, pull down her dress, put her hand behind John's head, and push her toward to her breast.

Mary bites her lips with pleasure, and breath through her nose. John while was lay under the blanket start sucking the doll's nipple to fell sleep.

The next day John slowly opened his eyes, and he saw the doll in front of his face. he blinks for several time, pulled back his head, and look at the doll with aghast look.

He rolled his body, stretch himself, and take deep breath through his nose. he sits in his spot, and lean in the edge of the bed. his eyes fell on the cold tea in one of the cups next to the empty one.

John sallow his saliva, and felt a tingle in his throat. he sniffed his nose, coughed twice, and said with hoarse voice: fucking hell...

His body was demolished, and his head was heart. John removed the blanket on himself, stand on his feet, and felt a dizziness for a second.

He went to the kitchen, grab a few pills on the cabinet, put it in his mouth, open the water faucet, band himself near to sink, and drink water from faucet. He was felling ill, and had a little fever.

John start making himself tea, and glance at the doll in the bed.

He turns his face, put down his head, and said: fuck, what I did done.

He rubbed his finger between his for head, takes a look at the clock on the wall [6:51] and pours himself a cup of tea.

he went toward to his closet, and bring out another blanket on the closet. He wrapped the blanket around himself, and take a sip of his tea. He went near to the bed, take a look at doll with pathetic look, and said: it's getting ridiculous, isn't it?

he sits in the edge of the bed, grab the cup of the between his palm, put down his head, and said: honestly, I don't know what I'm doing this to myself. [pause] I know your not real, my mind aware of that. I guess I'm turning to a Geppetto<sub>22</sub> but with that difference that Pinocchio<sub>23</sub> magically came to life [sigh] God I wish there was fairy that gives you life but this thing's aren't real, and belongs to stories...

John sat the doll on the bed, lean his back on the wall, and sit next to it. he leans his head to the wall, glance at the doll, and said: beside I didn't make you. you are plastic, and probably made somewhere in eastern Asia...

John band over the doll's head, removed the hair from it back, take a look at it, and said: yeh, Made in China [leave the doll] fucking Comenist<sub>24</sub> [smile]

22.Geppetto:/ 23. Pinocchio: fictional characters

24.comenist: communism (from Latin communist, common, universal) is a sociopolitical philosophical, and economic ideology within the socialist movement, whose goal is the creation of a communis, society.

John smashed his head lightly to the wall for several time, let out the breath out of his lung, stop himself from crying, and said: the reality is suck [ he glanced at the doll] Maybe I should talk about you to my therapist...

John put his hand behind doll's neck, turn it face toward to himself, and said with girlish tone: but she's might separate us

John removed his hand, wave a head, and said: yeh, and probably better this way. I know I never goanna meet someone like you, because yo know [ turn his face to the doll]

John eyes start trembling, and getting sad. he leans his head to the wall, look at the doll with dismal look, and said with downhearted tone: you too good to be true...

John flattens his lips with sadness in his eyes, swallow the lump in his throat, and stand on the bed. He picks his towel, went down stairs, take a look shower to cool his body temperature.

He gets back to upstairs, walk toward to his bed, lift the doll, and take step toward to the closet.

He put the doll in the closet, and change his clothes. He wants to open his work shop, but

he was still a little dizzy. John locked the closet door, take a look at the clock, walk toward to the bed, and release himself on the bed.

The sound of the bed spiring filled the room, John rolled his body, hugged his pillow, and closed his eyes.

He wakes up after tow hour nap with better filling. His fever was cut off, and his energy was increasing.

John prepared a breakfast for himself, eat it, and went down stairs. He opened his workshop, go to his storage that he made his statue, and start panting the sculptor that he made earlier.

Couple of hours later while he was sitting in his office, and gaze at the spot in the glass window a man enters to the workshop, and shout: hello...

John while was sitting behind the desk with folded hand stand on his spot, and went out of the office. he takes step toward to the man, and said: hi...

The man looked at him, and said: hi, I'm here to pick up my order

John point's his finger to him, and said: M.r. Walts John wick figure, right?

The man waves a head, and said: correct...

John: wait here please, I'm go to wrap your order

John went in the back, wrapped the statue in the box, came out side, and deliver the order to his customer. The customer pay cash, and leave the workshop. He gets back to his office, and saw a new massage on his computer. Someone bough one of the groom/bride sculptures, and ask to send it with FedEx<sub>25</sub>.

John picks a box, wrapped the order, take a look at his phone clock [1:50] and take step toward to exit door. He left the workshop, shut down the shutter, turn his face, and saw dozen people in the warehouse on the left.

25.FedEX: federal express corporation is an American multinational conglomerate holding company specializing transportation, e-commerce, and business.

He takes a look at crowed, and remember today it's the opening day of household

appliance. The sound of hubbub of people was filled the area.

John turns his way, and take step into street. He delivers the order to a FedEx office, and decide to going to a restaurant to kill time until his therapy appointment.

He saw a dinner room in his way, and went inside it. the sound of ringing the bell attach to the restaurant door draw waitress attention, and take a look at John.

A skinny girl with black short hair, big brown eyes, eagle nose while was wear a pale green uniform get close to John.

Waitress look at John, and said: hi, welcome to Williamsburg dinner, have a sit... [ pint her hand to a table]

John glance at the woman with smile, and sit behind the table. he takes a look at menu, glance at the waitress, and said: a cheeseburger with fries, and a glass of water [ give the menu to the waitress] thank you...

The waitress takes the order, and went toward to the kitchen. He locked his hand

together, lean himself to the table, and take a look outside through window next to table.

His eyes fell on a child across the street which had sweet innocent smile on the face while leaving the toy store with his mother.

A fade smile appeared on John's soulless look. he turns his face, put down his head, gaze at the dried stain of ketchup on the table, and took a deep breath through frustration. Suddenly something accords to his mind.

## [Flash back open]

Near of one years ago, while John was walking a street, and went his way his eyes fell on a clothes shop that had a sale because of moving. He takes step backward, stand in front of the window shop, and saw a Mannequin behind the window.

A female Mannequin with white skin, and blond extension hair that was look like a giant doll.

The doll was wearing a black bandage dress that was arousal. The big green olive eyes hunted John's heart, and put a smile on his dark cracked lips. He smiled at the Mannequin, and enters to the shop.

John went toward to counter, look at the salesmen, and said: hi... sorry to I bother, I realize you concede the store, and I was wondering the doll behind the window it's for sale or not?

The salesmen look at John with wondering look, and asked surprisingly: the Mannequin, why?

John: I'm actually a sculpture, and I'm looking for a templet to building life size statue, and your doll is perfect for the job...

The Salesmen raised an eyebrow while was folding a dress on glass counter, and said: huh, let' me ask... [ he band over his head, and shout] Alex, is the mannequin behind the window for sale?

A woman voice behind the clothes rack on the store, laughed, and said: yes, but what kind of stupid person wants to by that?

John flattens his lips, and gaze at the salesmen with numb look, the man looked at

John with embarrass look, wave a head, and said with low voice: sorry, she's in her monthly cycle...

John raised an eyebrow, and put down his head without saying a word. The salesmen glance at John with goofy smile, turn his neck, and shout: darling could you come here for a second

The woman voice said behind the rack: hold on...

After a second a middle age woman with dark brown skin, black raven hair, while was wear a black outfit with long sleeve that show her cleavage came out behind the clothes rack.

The salesman looked at the woman, and said: Alex [point at John] this gentleman here was wondering if the mannequin for sale [pause] he is a sculpture, and say want to use his doll for his work.

The woman looked at John, wave a head with ashamed look, and said: oh, how can help you sir?

John look at the woman with smile, and said: well, I'm the stupid person that like to buy the Mannequin.

The woman put her head down, and said with crooked fake smile: sorry I was...

John look at the woman, wave a hand, and said: it's okey, I don't mind [pause] so are selling it or not?

The woman glance at the doll behind the window, and said: yes

John shakes a head, and said: grate... how much?

Woman: how much your offering?

John takes a look at the doll behind himself, turn his face to woman, and said: \$300 with the dress?

The woman folded her hand, gaze at John, and said: but the dress is only is \$150

John glance at the woman, and said: how about \$350, and I forget that you call me stupid

The woman flattens her lips, and glance at the salesman behind the counter. The sale male slowly shakes a head as the sign of confirm. the woman looked at John, and said: all right deal.

[ flash back end]

In the meantime, the waitress brings the food on table, look at John with smile, and said: enjoy...

Suddenly another waitress called the one how stand near of John's both, and said: Mary, the table eight want a menu

The moment John here the Mary's name hi eyes dilated for a second. The waitress turns her face, and said: I be there in a second.

The waitress glance at John with smiled, and walk away.

John gaze at the waitress with smile, and put his head down. He pulled the plate in front of himself, pick a French-fries on the plate, take a bite, and start thinking again.

[ flash back]

John enters to his workshop while was carry the doll under his armpit. He put the doll on the ground, raised his hand toward to the empty table in the salon, and said: Welcome to my humble house [ glance at the doll] I know it's a little empty just like my heart, but I'm goanna fill it by a week...

John start talking to the doll through loneliness, and act it's like the doll is a real person. At first the doll was only in the small workshop, and he only talk to it when he was builds something.

One day when he was in his workshop, working on a sculptor, while was kneading the clay glance at the doll, and saw a real woman with same look instead of the doll. He pulled back his stool with scared face, and said with panic tone: Jesus...

John stand on his feet, stick himself to the shelve behind himself, and look at the doll with panic face. the doll looked at John with smile, put her sole on the plastic chair that was sitting on, hugged her knee, lean her chin on her knee, look at John with fondly look, and said: what are you working on?

While John's heart was beating to dead in his chest, he looked at the doll, and said: what the fuck?

The doll looked at him, raised her head, and said: what?

John looked at with dilated eyes, and said with stunner: you real?

Doll looked at John with her innocent green olive eyes, and said: duh... you're the one you talking to me.

John control his breath, pulled back his head, narrowed his eyes, and said: are you a ghost, or hunted?

The doll smirk at John, and said with mockery, and defensive tone: hunted? No John what is matter of you?

John looked at it with shocked face, and said: how the fuck do you know my name?

The doll smiled at him, and said: what do you mean John, I'm your subconsciousness ofcourse I know your name

John crooked his neck, and said: what?

The doll: you want me to be real, no I'm real...

John gaze at the doll silently with shock face. the doll put her feet on the ground, and stand on her feet. John picks a hammer of the shelve look at the doll, and shout: stand what you are?

The doll stands in her spot, raised her hand, and said: ok, [pause] you confused, let me explain...

John: [ silent]

The doll: I'm not real your right. I'm just in your head. I'm the creation of your imagination. I'm like a Taylor Durden. 26 I'm here because you fell you need me

John frown at the doll, and said with angry tone: fuck you I'm not a shell shock

The doll waves a head, sigh, and said: ok, let me put it this way [ pause] remember when you were kid you had a white bunny doll with brown chequered hat? you take it everywhere you go, play with it all day, and sleep with it at night. 26. Taylor Durden: a fictional character

John pulled back his head, put down the hammer in his hand, and said: M.r Hackles?

The Doll shakes her head as the sign of confirm, and said: yes. [pause] remember when you were hide under you bed to you mother can't find you to beat you or any time you heard your parents fight. Who was there foy you, and comfort you [pause] your bunny...

John think for a second, wave a head, look at the doll, and said: you mean that M.r Hackles wasn't real?

The doll waves a head, and said with pity tone: oh, Johnny boy

John put down his head press his eyes, wave a head, look at the doll, and said: hold on second, who do you know about all this?

The doll take step forward, and said with gentle tone: John...

John look at the doll with rage, and shout: shout up...

The doll stands in her spot. John takes a look around with confused face.

He glanced at the doll, and said: there is only one possible explanation for this [pause] I'm dreaming...

The doll looked at him, and said: you're awake John

John takes step toward to the table with rush, put his right hand on the table, and raised the hammer in his left hand. the doll looked at him, and shout: wait...

John smashed the hammer in the back of his hand, he shouts through pain, take a look at the doll, and saw the Mannequin sit on the plastic chair.

John grinds his teeth through anger, wave his injured hand, and shout: fuck

He holds his injured hand with other hand. take a look at the doll, and saw at Mannequin is Glitching, and turn to real girl.

The doll turns real, and said: I told you John, you're awake, now let me enlighten you...

[flash back end]

John while chewing his food was gaze at the table with dilated eyes, and numb face. he slightly raised his head, and suddenly saw Mary with pink silk dress in front of himself.

He takes a look around with panic face, band over near to her, and said with low voice: what the hell are you here?

Mary looked at him with smile, and said: what, don't you happy to see me?

John wave a head with anger, take a deep breath through his nose, and said with low voice: get of my sight...

Mary folded her hand, and said: sorry body, believe me I don't want to be here but you're the one how can't control your own mind...

John pulled back his head, and wave a head. He closed his eyes, take a deep breath, and open his eyes.

When he opens his eyes, Mary was vanished. He takes a look around, and glance at his halfeaten food in the plate.

John took a deep breath through frustration, lean himself, and pick his cheeseburger.

Before he can bite his sandwich the sound of tapping the glass from behind the window next to him draw his attention. He turns his face, and saw Mary behind window. Mary draws a heart shape in dusty window, wave her hand, and said: I wait here...

John face turn pale. He put the food in the plate, stand on his feet, bring out his wallet, leave the money on the table, and left the dinner with rush.

He takes step in the sidewalk, and pass next to Mary without looking at her. Mary watched him living. She looked at john, and said with peeved tone: hey...

John ignores Mary, and raised his speed. Mary ran behind him to reached herself to John. She walks next to him, glanced at him, and said: I know what you are goanna do John...

John while was walking his way, said with angry sarcastic tone under his lips without turning his fac: good for you

Mary while was walk next to him, gaze at him, and said: telling this to the shrink won't salve any problem just add another one

John while was walking his way said: I don't care...

Mary glare at him, and said: if you say a word about me, believe me she [doctor] put you in a mental hospital

John wave a head, and said: maybe I'm belong to place like this

Mary asked surprisingly: did you even here yourself? What the fuck is matter with you?

John continued his walking without saying a word. Mary waves a head with disappointed face, turn her face to John, and said: I don't get it, every thing was fine, we were completely heading off to each other, what happened?

John: [ silent]

Mary thinks for a second, and said: it's because of her, isn't it?

John turns his face to Mary, and asked surprisingly: who?

Mary looks at him with numb face, and said: you know who I talking about, your new neighbor

John smirk with pain, and wave a head without saying anything. Mary looked at him with numb face, and said: oh my God, it's all about her...

John look at Mery with angry look, and said with numb load tone: for God's sake no, it' has nothing to with her...

Suddenly the people in the sidewalk around John gaze at him with strange look. John notice about the glare, he put down his head, and raised his speed. Mary keeps up with him, and said: than what is, tell me...

John grinds his teeth, take a deep breath, and his eyes fell on a mail box in the sidewalk. He takes step toward to mail box, put his both hand around the tin box, and smash his head three time to the mail box.

After John smash his head to the male box Mary glitch, and vanished in the area.

Few people by seeing John freakout, and gaze at him without saying a word. One of the stall owners in the sidewalk look at John, and said: hey buddy what the fuck? John gets away from mail box, and responds without look at the man with angry tone: mind your own fucking business...

John continued his way, and arrive to near of therapist building. He went inside the building, went straight in the elevator, and press the elevator button. The elevator door clothes, and John saw his own reflection in the elevator mirror of while Mary was stand behind, and look at his bruise for head.

When John sees Mary behind him, he put down his head, and sigh with irritation. Mary folded her hand, look at John, and said: John she won't goanna love you as I do.

John glance at Mary in the mirror with numb look, Crooked his neck, a grind his teeth. Mary looked at him, and said: she's not good enough for you, what she's goanna do when hear about your condition...

John breath getting faster, and his heart beat raised. He grinds his teeth harder, and his hand start shaking. Mary gets close to him from behind, and said under his ear: maybe you should mention you fuck a doll...

John turns his face, fist his hand, aimed Mary's face, and throw a punch toward to her. His hand smash to the elevator, and his fist din into the elevator tin.

John pulled back his hand, grab his fist with his other hand, moan under his lips, and heard the sound of elevator buzz.

He took a deep breath, leave the elevator, and walk toward to the shrink office with calm angry walking.

John wave a head, put the calm person mask on his face, take step toward to secretary desk, and said with friendly tone: hi...

The secretary raised her head, look at John, and said: hello

John smiled at her, and said: I'm here for my appointment, John Wilson...

The secretary glance at the clock on the wall, look at John, and said: you came a little early, please have a sit, you are the next patience.

John wave a head with smile, and said: thank you...

He turns his back, and saw Mary sit on a chair behind the office in the empty waiting room. she tapped her hand on the couch next to herself while was looking at John with kindly smile.

John looked at her with hatful look, went other side of the room, and sit on a different couch. Mary went toward to him, sit in the chair on his right side, and said: how is your arm?

John takes a look at his fist, and saw a feeble contusion in the tip of his knuckles. He glanced at Mary, and put down his head. Mary looked at him, and said: John...

John stares at the grey carpet on the floor without saying a word. Mary leans herself in the couch handle, look at John, and said: look at me John...

John holds his head still without zero movement. Mary gaze at him and said: if you don't want to talk to me fine but at least her me out.

John took a deep breath silently. Mary sits straight in her spot, lean himself forward, and said: honey if you mention about me, I'm gone forever. You think you can make on your own on that big warehouse? you think you ever find someone how love you as I do? You aware of everything John, and I don't want fresh any of your wound but deep down you know I'm right. The fight you had with yourself it's time to end it once in for all, you have to deal with lie you create.

John start thinking for a second, and look at the empty space in the couch. After couple of minutes the patience in the office came out of the office, and closed the door.

The secretary looked at John, and said: M.r. Wilson, you can go

John stand on his feet, take step toward to the office, and knock on the door.

the shrink other side of the door while was drinking water from a buttle said: come in...

John opened the door, look at doctor, and said with faint sad voice: hi...

Doctor looked at him, and said: hi [ point her hand toward to the chair in front of herself] have a seat...

John sit in the edge of the table, doctor take a look at his Bruise knuckles, point at it with her eyes, and said: what happen to your hand?

John lean forward, look at doctor, and said: it's doesn't matter, before we start, there is something than I have to tell you...

Doctor look at John, and said: ok what is it?

John start tapping his right leg on the floor, and said: remember when I said about my girlfriend before, well you should know that I wasn't totally honest...

Doctor eyebrow twist together, and asked: how so?

John put his head down, ran one of his hands through his hair, took a deep breath, and raised his head.

He saw Mary behind doctor that lean on the desk with folded arm, and slowly shake a head as the sign on no. John blink for several time, look at doctor, and said: the thing is [ pause] we have a sort of long-distance relationship.

Doctor crooked her neck, and said: what do you mean?

John swallow the lump in his throat, and said: Mary and I have lot things in common, and I love her...

Doctor crooked her neck, and said: but?

John: but I can't see her like regular people, I can hold her in my arms, because she's not actually here...

Doctor: is she live somewhere else?

John took a deep breath, and said: she's from another nation.

Doctor: I don't get it, you in a relationship with someone that isn't here, how do you even know her?

John think for a second, and said with hesitate: internet [pause] I found her in dating app...

Doctor: so, you never actually be with her, never see her in person, never kiss her, and never get physical with her? John glance at doctor with sadness in his eyes, and shake a head as the sign of confirm. doctor look at John with amazed face, and said: and you still faithful to her?

John look at doctor and said: I'm a loyal like a dog...

Doctor raised a head, put her head down, and said with faint voice under her lips: not doubt in that...

John look at doctor, and said: what?

Doctor looked at him with envy look, wave a head, and said: nothing [pause] have you decide to what do you wanna do about her?

John leans his back to the chair, and said: actually, I was hoping that you can help me to figure it out...

Doctor put her leg on the other leg, and said: I'm not in a position that can tell you what do, I just can give you friendly advice.

John look at doctor, and said: I'm all ear...

Doctor look at John with numb face, and said: I don't know you very well John, and I don't know her either. You say you love her but I

can sense your dither in your word. by the knowledge I have of you, I don't think this girl isn't right for you.

John: [ silent]

Doctor: you are romantic, careful, commitment person, and if I remember correctly you was whining about this generation that have no sense of your values. Hypothetically say this girl is right for you, but if she's not here with you than your relationship doesn't have much different with loneliness.

John slowly waves a head, and said: I get your point, but what if I can't end my relationship with her...

Doctor takes a deep breath, and said: well, I'm not say is it easy but you got to...

John cut the doctor's word, and said: no, I don't think I make my point very clear [ he leans forward, scratch the back of his head] the problem is she's hunted me like a fucking ghost...

Doctor pulled back her head, and said: I'm not follow

John dragged his hand on his face, and saw Mary behind doctor stare at him while tear floating in her chick.

When John saw Mary's tear his heart shiver, a wave of sadness roll in his eyes, and he swallow his word. He put down his head, stop himself from crying, raised his head, look at doctor, and said: I can't get her out of my head. [pause] I told her before than I want to brake up with her than our relationship is became toxic but she keeps insist we can find a way to figure things out ...

Doctor took a deep breath through her nose, and said: this is a tough situation, I get it but you are hurting yourself\_\_inadvertently, and I don't think she's the whole problem. [pause] part of it is in you

John look at doctor with frown, and said with shocking tone: how is that my fault?

Doctor: you know this relationship won't last long but you keeping it anyway. [pause] you

know you got to let her go. The more you hold longer to her the more you get hurt.

John: [silent]

Doctor: I suggest you to find someone else, for your own sake, beside what's wrong with loneliness?

John wave a head, and said: I wish it was that easy...

Doctor: I ain't say it easy but the problem I isn't that big, you make it big

John put down his head, smile with pain, and said with low voice: that's what she said...

Doctor looked at him, and said: what?

John raised his head, look at the doctor with red eyes, and said: so, I guess I'm the problem?

Doctor gazed at him with patty look without say another word.

After the session end, John gets back to the street, and reach himself to the bus station.

While John was sitting in the bus station a trunk passed in front of him, and suddenly Mary appears next to her on the sit

She dragged herself near to John, and said: thank you for not telling the truth...

John nod without looking at her while was gaze at the street.

After a second the bus came, and John sit on it. when he arrived at his workshop the crowed in the area was halved. The store next to him was filled with stuff, and John's eyes fell on the Richel Richards that was talking with few people.

He brings out his kye chain on his pocket, open the shutter with his remote, and take step forward.

When Rachel Richard heard the sound of shutter, she turns her face, and saw John coming. She smiled at him, apologized of the people around her, and take step toward to him.

John stand in front of his workshop, and saw Rachel coming toward to him. Racheal gets close to him, and suddenly the smiled on her face faded. She points her finger toward to John's for head, and said with worried tone: oh my God what happen to you...

John touched his for head, with and said: oh this, it's nothing...

Racheal gets close to John, grab his injured hand, take a look at his bruise knuckles, and said: did you punch someone?

John glance at his bruise hand, pull back his back, put it in his pocket, look at Racheal, and said: no, it's just I fell on the ground, it's nothing important. How was your first day?

Rachel looked at him, and said: perfect, I had a huge sale

John smile at her, and said: grate, I'm happy for you...

Racheal; thanks, you so sweet

John wave a head with fatigue look, and said: anyway, I should leave you alone...

Rachel looked at him, and said: ok

John nod, and take step toward to his work shop. Rachel looked at him, and said: John...

John stop in his spot, turn his face, and said: yes

Rachel: do you have a plan for dinner?

John wave a head as the sign of no. Rachel looked at him, and said: how about we going to some place nice, my treat...

John smile at her, and said: I loved it, but I have to take the rain check, I don't feel very well right now... Rachel smile faded, she shakes a head, and said oh, ok. Give me a call if you feeling better...

John nod with smiled, and said: sure, I will...

He turns his face, went toward to his workshop, and pull don the shutter. He passed through the empty row between the statue, take step on the iron staircase, and reach himself to his room.

He takes a look around at the empty room, and suddenly Mary appeared next to him. John glare at her, and said: I tough I lock you in the closet?

Mary looked at him, and said: well, I'm here...

John sniff his nose, and said with numb tone: I got to tell you something Mary...

Mary: what?

John gaze at her with numb face: what ever this is, it' has to end right now...

Mary waves a head, and said with smile: come on John, you need me, and you know it...

John rolled an eye, smile, and said: I don't think so, [pause] I think this madness have to stop...

Mary smile fade in her lips. John turns his face toward to the closet, and gaze at it with rage. Mary read John's mind glance at him with frighten look, and said: no, John, this is insane...

John walk toward to the closet with rush, unlock the closet, and bring out the mannequin. He grabs the doll from hair, and walk toward to the door while was dragging the doll on the ground. Mary ran toward to

him, grab his hand, and said: no John, don't do this...

John push her away, and Mary fell on the ground. John tossed the doll on the ground, and leave the room. He takes step on the stirs, and the sound of his foot step echo in the room. Mary came out of the room ran behind John, and shout: John wait, just listen to me...

John continued his way, and take step in his sculpture workshop. He opened the door, walk toward to shelves.

John pick a buttle of paint thinner. Mary reached herself to the workshop, ran toward to John, hooked her hand around John's arm, and shout: John please...

John turns his face, hooked his hand around Mary's neck, push her to the shelves, look at it with rage, and said with angry tone: I had enough if this shit, I'm decide to take the control, now shot the fuck up...

John turns his face in the empty room, take a look around, and grab a big metallic trach

can. He leaves the work shop, and get back to the room with rush.

When he enters to the room, he saw Mary stand above the doll while was sobbing, and said with moaning: John Please...

John ignored her, and went toward to the balcony. He put the buttle of tinner in his back pocket, smash the trach can on the ground, bring out his cigarette box, and light the last cigarette on the box. John takes s puff, get back in the house, walk toward to the doll, and pick it.

John holds the cigarette between his lips, and start talking the doll apart. Mary was crying to her heart out, but John was ignored her. He was furious, and made his decision.

John went in the balcony, toss the doll's arm, and leg in the bucket, take another puff of his cigarette, and decapitated the doll's head of the body. He tossed the doll body on the can, grab the doll's head from hair, look at it with numb face, and said: we're done bitch...

He tossed the head in the trash can, bring out the buttle of thinner of his pocket, and pour on the doll in the can.

John takes step back, take a look at behind, and saw Mary crying while was wrapped her hand around herself. John gaze at her with numb face for a second. he turn his face back, take another puff of the cigarette, hold the smoke, and toss the cigarette in the bucket.

The cigarette flame starts a fire, and the doll's body start burning

John let out the smoke on of his lung, take a look back, and saw May on fire.

The Mary's body was burning with the doll burning. John gaze at the sadness in Mary's wet eyes with numb look, and watch her burning.

The fire spared all over Mary's body, and she wipe the existence. John turns his face, and saw the doll's body melting.

After the fire ended, John filled a buttle of water, and pour it on the bucket. The smoke came out of the bucket, and block John sight.

He turns his face, take step inside, put his hand in his pocket, and bring out Rachel Richards business card. He brings out his phone, and start dialing on the phone. John sticks the phone to his ear, and after several bib the Rachel sound from other side said: hello

John catches a breath, and said: hi it's me, John [pause] the dinner offer still stand?

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